

# MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2 (F)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

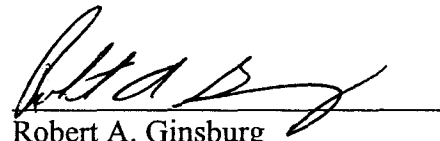
**DATE:** January 12, 2005

**FROM:** Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution relating to  
retention and increased use  
of Homestead Air Reserve  
Base

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

  
Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

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# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** November 30, 2004

**FROM:** Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No.

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No.

11-30-04

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS,  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND FLORIDA STATE  
OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT RETENTION AND INCREASED  
MILITARY, INTERAGENCY, AND HOMELAND SECURITY  
USE OF HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE

**WHEREAS**, Congress has authorized another round of base realignment and closure (BRAC) for military installations in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, all military installations within the U.S. will be examined as part of the 2005 BRAC process, with military value to future mission capability and operational readiness being the primary consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, Homestead Air Reserve Base is the southernmost air base in the continental U.S., and, as such, is strategically located with good access to the Caribbean and Central America; and

**WHEREAS**, Homestead Air Reserve Base is also ideally located for air defense missions for the Southern U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, sustaining and enhancing Homestead Air Reserve Base is important to the Miami-Dade County economy, particularly that of South Miami-Dade, because it directly account for 2,159 jobs and approximately \$100 million in actual expenditures each year and, when indirect impacts are considered, having a total economic impact on Miami-Dade County of 3,195 jobs and \$106.5 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Defense Alliance and the Beacon Council have prepared a report identifying the strategic military and local economic value of Homestead Air Reserve

Base and making recommendations to sustain and enhance Homestead Air Reserve Base in anticipation of the 2005 BRAC process by developing a defense complex on the surplus property located adjacent to the base; and

**WHEREAS**, these recommendations involve actions and support by the U.S. Congress, the Florida Congressional delegation, the Florida Cabinet and the Florida Legislature;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board:

**Section 1.** Urges the U.S. Congress, the Governor, the Florida Cabinet and the Florida Legislature to take actions that would support retention and increased military, interagency and homeland security uses of Homestead Air Reserve Base.

**Section 2.** Urges the U.S. Congress to convert Homestead Air Reserve Base into a Joint-Interagency facility, co-owned and operated by the Department of the Defense and the Department of Homeland Security and supporting both homeland defense and homeland security operations.

**Section 3.** Urges the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature to continue and increase annual funding for infrastructure improvements for Homestead Air Reserve Base.

**Section 4.** Urges the Florida Legislature and the Florida Cabinet to support the development of the property adjacent to Homestead Air Reserve Base that is available for military and homeland security purposes.

**Section 5.** Directs the County's federal and state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of legislation consistent with these objectives, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the federal and state legislative packages.

**Section 6.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to provide copies of this resolution to each member of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor and members of the Florida Cabinet, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade Legislative Delegation, and the Secretaries of Defense, Homeland Security and Justice.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorin D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.  
Jess M. McCarty

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